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FILING THIS MESSAGE SEPARATELY ORDER AVOID CLASSIFYING WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS.

RE YOUR REQUEST FOR REPORT ON ATTITUDES TOWARDS EVENTS CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM BASED ON PERSONAL CONTACT AND OBSERVATION RATHER THAN MEDIA STORIES, BELIEVE IN THIS CASE LITTLE OR NO DIFFERENCE EXISTS BETWEEN MEDIA STORIES AND PRIVATE OPINIONS ON INFORMED PUBLIC EXPRESSED IN PERSONAL CONTACT BY USIS AND OTHER MISSION OFFICERS. A PARAMOUNT CONCERN HERE IS OF COURSE TAIWAN SECURITY, AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S. ULTIMATE INTENTIONS ALREADY SHAKEN BY ACTIONS TAKEN IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH PRC.

U.S. UNWILLINGNESS OR INABILITY RETRIEVE INDO-CHINA SITUATION INTENSIFIES GOVERNMENT, MEDIA AND PRIVATE FEARS OF ABANDONMENT SHOULD TAIWAN'S TURN COME TO BE UNDER PRESSURE.

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AGREEMENT AMONG ALL SEGMENTS OF INFORMED SOCIETY ABOUT INDO-

CHINA ISSUE OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT ALWAYS EXIST ON OTHER ISSUES. FOR
EXAMPLE, CHOICE OF SECRETARY BUTZ AS U.S. CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE
CHIANG KAI-SHEK FUNERAL HAS CREATED CONSIDERABLE PRIVATE
FEELINGS OF RESENTMENT THAT U.S. WILL NOT SEND MORE PROMINENT
REPRESENTATIVE. THESE FEELINGS WILL CERTAINLY NOT BE EXPRESSED
BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND UNLIKELY FIND MEDIA EXPRESSION BEFORE
THE FUNERAL.
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